

TITLE II—HIGHWAY SAFETY

SEC. 2001. HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS.

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(f) HIGHWAY SAFETY EDUCATION AND INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal years 1999 and 2000, the Secretary shall allow any State to use funds apportioned to the State under section 402 of title 23, United States Code, to purchase television and radio time for highway safety public service messages.

(2) REPORTS BY STATES.—Any State that uses funds described in paragraph (1) for purchasing television and radio time for highway safety public service messages shall submit to the Secretary a report describing, and assessing the effectiveness of, the messages.

(3) STUDY.—Based on information contained in the reports submitted under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall prepare and transmit to Congress a report on the effectiveness of purchasing television and radio time for highway safety public service messages using funds described in paragraph (1).

SEC. 2002. HIGHWAY SAFETY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

(a) AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY.—Section 403(a)(2)(A) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by inserting “, including training in work zone safety management” after “personnel”.

(b) DRUGS AND DRIVER BEHAVIOR.—

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(2) REPORTS OF FEDERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Chief of Capitol Police, and the Administrator of General Services shall each transmit to Congress a report containing—

(A) the policy of the department or agency headed by that individual concerning motor vehicle pursuits by law enforcement officers of that department or agency; and

(B) a description of the procedures that the department or agency uses to train law enforcement officers in the implementation of the policy referred to in subparagraph (A).

SEC. 2003. OCCUPANT PROTECTION.

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(b) CHILD PASSENGER PROTECTION EDUCATION GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make a grant to a State that submits an application, in such form and manner as

the Secretary may prescribe, that is approved by the Secretary to carry out the activities specified in paragraph (2) through—

(A) the child passenger protection program of the State; and

(B) at the option of the State, a grant program established by the State to carry out 1 or more of the activities specified in paragraph (2) by a political subdivision of the State or an appropriate private entity.

(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds provided to a State as a grant under this subsection shall be used to implement child passenger protection programs that—

(A) are designed to prevent deaths and injuries to children;

(B) educate the public concerning—

(i) all aspects of the proper installation of child restraints using standard seatbelt hardware, supplemental hardware, and modification devices (if needed), including special installation techniques;

(ii) appropriate child restraint design, selection, and placement; and

(iii) harness threading and harness adjustment on child restraints; and

(C) train and retrain child passenger safety professionals, police officers, fire and emergency medical personnel, and other educators concerning all aspects of child restraint use.

(3) GRANT AWARDS.—The Secretary may make a grant under this subsection without regard to whether a State is eligible to receive, or has received, a grant under section 405 of title 23, United States Code (as inserted by subsection (a) of this section).

(4) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a program carried out using funds made available from a grant under this subsection may not exceed 80 percent.

(5) REPORT.—Each State that receives a grant under this subsection shall transmit to the Secretary a report for the period covered by the grant that, at a minimum, describes the program activities carried out with the funds made available under the grant.

(6) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than June 1, 2002, the Secretary shall transmit to Congress a report on the implementation of this subsection that includes a description of the programs carried out and materials developed and distributed by the States that receive grants under this subsection.

(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$7,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

SEC. 2006. NATIONAL DRIVER REGISTER.

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(c) EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT OF ALTERNATIVES.—

(1) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall evaluate the implementation of chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code, and the programs under sections 31106 and 31309 of such title and

identify alternatives to improve the ability of the States to exchange information about unsafe drivers and to identify drivers with multiple licenses.

(2) TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary, in conjunction with the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, shall conduct an assessment of available electronic technologies to improve access to and exchange of motor vehicle driving records. The assessment may consider alternative unique motor vehicle driver identifiers that would facilitate accurate matching of drivers and their records.

(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall transmit to Congress a report on the results of the evaluation and technology assessment, together with any recommendations for appropriate administrative and legislative actions.

(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out paragraph (2) \$250,000 in the aggregate for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1998.

SEC. 2007. SAFETY STUDIES.

(a) BLOWOUT RESISTANT TIRES STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study on the benefit to public safety of the use of blowout resistant tires on commercial motor vehicles and the potential to decrease the incidence of accidents and fatalities from accidents occurring as a result of blown out tires.

(b) SCHOOL BUS OCCUPANT SAFETY STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study to assess occupant safety in school buses. The study shall examine available information about occupant safety and analyze options for improving occupant safety.

(c) REPORTS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall transmit to Congress a report on the results of each study conducted under this section.

(d) LIMITATION ON FUNDING.—The Secretary may not expend more than \$200,000 from funds made available by section 403 of title 23, United States Code, for conducting each study under this section.

SEC. 2008. EFFECTIVENESS OF LAWS ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General shall conduct a study to evaluate the effectiveness of State laws that—

(1) deem any individual with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or greater while operating a motor vehicle to be driving while intoxicated; and

(2) deem any individual under the age of 21 with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.02 percent or greater while operating a motor vehicle to be driving while intoxicated;

in reducing the number and severity of alcohol-involved crashes.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall transmit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report containing the results of the study conducted under this section.

SEC. 2009. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The following sums are authorized to be appropriated out of the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account):

(1) HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS.—For carrying out section 402 of title 23, United States Code, \$149,700,000 for fiscal year 1998, \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$152,800,000 for fiscal year 2000, \$155,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, \$160,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and \$165,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

(2) HIGHWAY SAFETY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—For carrying out section 403 of title 23, United States Code, \$72,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2003.

(3) OCCUPANT PROTECTION INCENTIVE GRANTS.—For carrying out section 405 of title 23, United States Code, \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 and 2000, \$13,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

(4) ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED DRIVING COUNTERMEASURES INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.—For carrying out section 410 of title 23, United States Code, \$34,500,000 for fiscal year 1998, \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$36,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000 and 2001, \$38,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

(5) STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY DATA GRANTS.—For carrying out section 411 of title 23, United States Code, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, \$9,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, and \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

(6) NATIONAL DRIVER REGISTER.—For carrying out chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code, by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2003.

(b) ALLOCATIONS.—

(1) DRUGS AND DRIVER BEHAVIOR.—Out of amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (a)(2) for fiscal years 1998 through 2003, the Secretary may use—

(A) not to exceed \$2,000,000 per fiscal year to carry out paragraphs (1) through (3) of section 403(b) of title 23, United States Code; and

(B) not to exceed \$1,000,000 per fiscal year to carry out paragraph (4) of such section.

(2) PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORT.—Out of amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (a)(2) for fiscal years 1998 through 2003, the Secretary shall obligate at least \$500,000 per fiscal year to educate the motoring public on how to share the road safely with commercial motor vehicles.

(c) APPLICABILITY OF TITLE 23.—Amounts made available under subsection (a)(2) for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2003 shall be available for obligation in the same manner as if such funds were apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code.

(d) TRANSFERS.—In each fiscal year, the Secretary may transfer any amounts remaining available under paragraph (3), (4), or (5) of subsection (a) to the amounts made available under any other of such paragraphs in order to ensure, to the maximum extent pos-

sible, that each State receives the maximum incentive funding for which the State is eligible under sections 405, 410, and 411 of title 23, United States Code.